

## April 12 at Home Youth Lesson – The Resurrection

**Praise:** Start your time in worship together as a family by following the order of service posted by Westview.

**Pray:** It is important to spend time communicating with our savior. Express exactly what you are experiencing to God with full sincerity. Ask God to reveal to you in a mighty and healing way the full meaning of Christ's resurrection. Celebrate victory in your pray, but also ask continued reconciliation with God.

**Review:** Remind yourselves about last Sunday's lessons as well as what God has taught you, or made you aware of, through this past week. Last week we looked at the Jesus' Trial, and how he not only took on a punishment not deserved, but also the humiliation of false accusation.

**Ask:** What does it mean to be, 'Alive in Christ'?

**Watch:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vb24Lk1Oh5M>

**Read:** Romans 6:5-11

**Engage:** In the video of Luke 24 we learned the historical record of Jesus resurrecting from the dead. Here in Romans we're going to dig a little bit deeper into what that amazing historical event means for us.

**In this passage Paul talks about us being united with Christ in both His death and resurrection. What does that mean?**

- *Answer:* Our old selves were crucified with Christ. They were put to death. Now, because of Jesus' resurrection, our new selves have come to life.

**What does it mean that we were "slaves to sin"?**

- *Answer:* Sin mastered our lives. It doesn't necessarily mean we were awful people by the world's standards. Sin isn't just doing awful things; it's not submitting to God and trying to do things on our own. Apart from Christ we were slaves to this way of living.

**What does it mean that Jesus "died to sin"?**

- *Answer:* It means that the reason He died was to take sin upon Himself and bear the weight of its penalty. That is the reason He died.

**What does it mean to for us to be "dead to sin"?**

- *Answer:* It means that sin is no longer our master.

**What does it mean that we are now "alive to God in Christ"?**

- *Answer:* Because we are united with Christ in His resurrection and defeat of sin and death, we can now live victoriously in Jesus. It doesn't mean that we never sin, but our hearts have been made new and alive and our desire is to live for Jesus. We could never have done that on our own because of our sin. It could only happen because sin was put to death and conquered.

**Read:** Romans 6:11

**Conclusion:**

FIRST, explain to the students that you all are going to dig in a little more to this idea of being "alive to Christ." Have teens take a notecard or piece of paper and write that verse in their own words. Tell them to think about how they would describe being dead to sin and alive to God.

**Challenge:**

God has placed each of us in a unique set of circumstances where we can share and show His love with those around us. Too often, though, we get bogged down in the things of this world and lose sight of how we can live for God each and every day. Take a few moments and think about the different circumstances and situations God has placed you in. Think about your family, friends, and your neighbors.

- Under their paraphrased version of verse 11, have your teen write 3 ways that they see Christ alive in their own life. Then instruct them to make a list of 3-5 practical ways they can live like they're alive with Christ in their daily lives.